

## SCS HB 1414 -- AGRICULTURAL DATA DISCLOSURE

This bill specifies that certain information on an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land in connection with a producer or owner's voluntary participation in a government program that is maintained by the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Natural Resources is not considered a public record and subject to public disclosure. The departments may disclose the information under certain circumstances. The participation of a producer or owner in any program administered by the departments may not be conditioned on the consent of the producer or owner to disclose this information.

Certain information relating to animals is not considered a public record and may not be subject to disclosure except under specific circumstances. Any person who knowingly releases such data may be subject to civil action, and a court may order appropriate relief including damages up to \$10,000 and reasonable attorney's fees.